Vote No. 198

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AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS/Tobacco Bill

SUBJECT: Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1999 . . . S. 2159. Daschle motion to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the Daschle amendment No. 2729.

ACTION: MOTION REJECTED, 43-55

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 2159, the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1999, will provide \$56.813 billion in new budget authority, which is \$7.060 billion more than provided last year. The increase is primarily due to increased Commodity Credit Corporation mandatory payments.

The Daschle amendment would add the Commerce-2 substitute amendment to S. 1415 on tobacco as it was drafted on May 18, 1997. (After 4 weeks of debate and after adopting amendments that changed the substitute amendment to the tobacco bill substantially, the Senate sustained a Budget Act point of order, by seven votes, against the bill. The point of order, that the bill contained excessive spending because it would have allowed hundreds of billions of "off-budget" spending in excess of the amount allowed under the budget, was valid against the bill, was valid against the substitute amendment as introduced, and was valid against the substitute amendment as it was amended.)

Senator Lott raised a point of order that the Daschle amendment violated section 302(f) of the Budget Act because it would cause the Agriculture Committee to exceed its 302(b) spending allocation. Senator Daschle then moved to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to waive favored the amendment; those opposing the motion to waive opposed the amendment.

NOTE: A three-fifths majority (60) vote is required to waive the Budget Act. After the vote, the point of order was sustained and the amendment thus fell.

For debate, see vote No. 164.

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